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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/865,175
Filing Date	May 24, 2001
First Named Inventor	Thomas Tobin
Group Art Unit	1614
Examiner Name	Cook, Rebecca
Attorney Docket Number	434-226

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0978
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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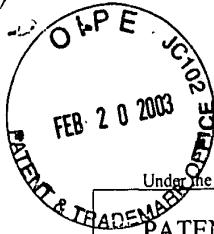
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Application or Docket Number

434-226

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	35	minus 20 = * 15
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2	minus 3 = * 0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	* 15	Minus	** 35	= 0
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	* 1	Minus	*** 2	= 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEES	RATE	FEES
	\$ ____	OR	\$ ____
x \$ 9 =	135	OR	x \$ 18 =
x 42 =	0	OR	x 84 =
+ 140 =		OR	+ 280 =
TOTAL	135	OR TOTAL	0

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x \$ 9 =		OR	x \$ 18 =
x 42 =		OR	x 84 =
+ 140 =		OR	+ 280 =
TOTAL	0	OR TOTAL	0

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	* 27	Minus	** 35	= 0
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	* 2	Minus	*** 2	= 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x \$ 9 =		OR	x \$ 18 =
x 42 =		OR	x 84 =
+ 140 =		OR	+ 280 =
TOTAL	0	OR TOTAL	0

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	* 43	Minus	** 35	= 8
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	* 3	Minus	*** 2	= 1
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x \$ 9 =	72	OR	x \$ 18 =
x 42 =	42	OR	x 84 =
+ 140 =		OR	+ 280 =
TOTAL	114	OR TOTAL	0

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